IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS in the specification at page 3 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the apparatus of this invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the apparatus of this invention;

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 1 except that the pipeline has been disconnected from the center pivot structure and the pipeline has moved away from the center pivot structure; ~~and~~

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 2~~.~~; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a prior art center pivot irrigation machine.

Please amend the first and second paragraphs of the DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION at page 3 of the specification as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In Figure 1, the numeral 10 refers generally to a prior art self-propelled pivot irrigation system including a center pivot structure 12 and an elongated water pipeline or boom 14 supported upon a plurality of spaced-apart drive towers 16 in conventional fashion. Pivot structure 12 includes a vertically disposed pipe 18 which is in communication with a source of water. Normally, pipe 18 is provided with an elbow 20 at its upper end to define a horizontally extending pipe portion 22. Elbow 20 is rotatably secured, about a vertical axis, to the pipe 18 in conventional fashion. In most cases, pipe portion 22 has a flex joint assembly 24 at its outer end which connects the

pipe portion 22 to the inner end of the pipeline 14 in a manner which permits the pipeline 14 to flex with respect to the pipe portion 22 as the system moves around the area being irrigated.

In the instant invention, as shown in Figures 1-4, an upstanding support 26 is bolted to the inner flange of the flex joint assembly 24 and extends upwardly therefrom. An elongated pivot tube or rod 28 is secured to the upper end of the support 26 and extends therefrom over the inner end of the pipeline 14 (Figure 2). Support 30 is clamped or otherwise secured to the inner end of the pipeline 14 and has a pair of upstanding brackets 32 and 34 secured thereto. Bracket 32 has upper and lower rollers 36 and 38 rotatably mounted thereon which receive the rod 28 therebetween. Similarly, bracket 34 has upper and lower rollers 40 and 42 rotatably mounted thereon which receive the rod 28 therebetween. In normal use, the flange 44 on the inner end of pipeline 14 is bolted to the flange 46 on the outer end of the flex joint 24.